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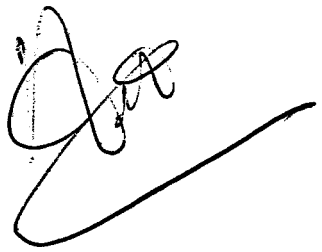
Dear Harold;

Enclosed is all I could dig up on the matter. Hope its adequate for your needs.



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Concerning the shooting of a Black woman in Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia...The Sheriff of Sandersville refused to comment... The "Sandersville Progress" - the town's newspaper - requested that no story be printed, discussed, detailed or followed up. The City Desk spokesman claimed that all released stories (especially those emanating from Atlanta, Georgia news sources) were not based on the truth. The spokesman claimed, instead, that the shooting was the result of NAACP action: NAACP, she stated, had hired and paid outsiders to come into Sandersville and start trouble...it was merely a case of Blacks shooting Blacks. In addition, the City Desk speculated that due to the lack of truth in the released stories, Sandersville residents would discontinue their subscriptions to Altanta papers.

The "Atlanta Journal" offered the following information: It's City Desk spokesman stated that a Miss Nancy Robinson, a single, Black woman who resided in Sandersville, Ga., thought to be unemployed, was shot by a gun traced to the Police Chief of Tannille, Georgia, a small town of about 500 people quite near Sandersville. The Police Chief claimed that his gun had been stolen and was suspended with pay for a period of one month.

The spokesman for the "Journal" continued, stating that the evidence that had been assembled was turned over to a Grand Jury in White County and a formal report was expected by January 21st. ~~of this month.~~ At this time, no formal charges have been made. Miss Robinson was treated for a flesh wound in her shoulder and released. Concerning the earlier shooting of a herein unidentified White man in front of a Black home-also in Sandersville, the "Journal" spokesman could claim no direct connection, but attributed both incidents to the climate of unrest that disturbingly exists in Sandersville, Georgia, population of about 1100.